

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the present application. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 1-19. Claims 20-23 stand rejected. The Examiner's reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 20-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gopal *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,491,817) (hereinafter "Gopal"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 20 claims, *inter alia*, "a cache *adapted to allow* multiple copies of a same object to be *cached under different contexts*." The Examiner parses claim 20 into "a cache" and "multiple copies of a same object under different contexts." (See Paper No. 5, p. 2).

Claim 20 claims "multiple copies of a same object *to be cached* under different contexts," and not "multiple copies of a same object under different contexts," as the Examiner argues. The Examiner cannot remove limitations from claims in an *ad hoc* manner; each and every claim limitation must be addressed.

The Examiner's parsing of claim 20 is further improper because, even if the parsed parts of claim 20 can be properly combined, the combination still fails to address that "a cache," as claimed, is "*adapted to allow* multiple copies of a same object to be cached under different contexts."

Nevertheless, the parsed parts of claim 20 cannot be properly combined. The Examiner attempts to improperly combine "a cache" and "multiple copies of a same object under different contexts" using a motivation not found in Gopal. Applicants respectfully

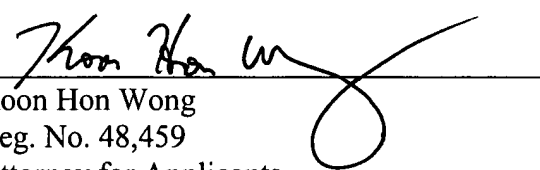
submit that using motivation not found in the cited references *necessarily* implies the use of impermissible hindsight reasoning.

The Examiner's detailed analysis of how a cache, generally speaking, is a "special high speed storage mechanism, which can be either a reserved section of main memory or an independent high speed storage device to use the same data over and over" is irrelevant in addressing the express limitations of claim 20. (See Paper No. 5, p. 2-3). Further, the claim limitation of "a cache" cannot be viewed in a vacuum, as the Examiner suggests, separate and apart from the remaining limitations of claim 20.

The Examiner's argument is legally deficient to support a *prima facie* obviousness rejection. Accordingly, independent claim 20 is believed to be patentably distinguishable and nonobvious over Gopal. Dependent claims 21-23 are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons given for claim 20. Withdrawal of the rejection of 20-23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

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